

**DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REVISED HATCHERY GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE AGENCY'S ELWHA SUMMER/FALL CHINOOK HATCHERY PROGRAMS**

A revised Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) Elwha Hatchery summer/fall Chinook salmon artificial production program is available for a thirty-day public review and comment period. The comments, WDFW's response, and any resultant modifications to HGMPs will subsequently be posted on the WDFW website and provided to NOAA fisheries for its consideration.

The HGMP describes, in a format prescribed by NOAA fisheries, the operation of the artificial production program for summer/fall Chinook salmon in the Elwha River and the potential effects of the program on listed species. The HGMP will be provided to NOAA fisheries for consideration as a significant conservation measure under Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act.

The HGMP may be accessed for review through one of the following means: (1) Electronically via the Internet on WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/development.html>; or (2) in person through a scheduled appointment at WDFW's headquarters in Olympia, Washington. To schedule an appointment or to obtain more information, please call (360) 902-2711.

WDFW will be accepting public comments on the HGMPs for the Elwha River artificial production program for Chinook salmon until August 5, 2012. Comments must be submitted in writing to Phil Anderson, Director, WDFW, (Attention: Jon Anderson, Fish Program), 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091, or electronically through e-mail to Jon.anderson@dfw.wa.gov. WDFW must receive all comments by 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on August 5, 2012.

This notice can also be found on the Washington State Register website at http://www.leg.wa.gov/CODEREVISER/Pages/Washington_State_Register.aspx.

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